

## Southwark Cathedral to hold public service in memory of terror attack victims



**Last week The Countess of Wessex attended the 'Service of Hope' at Southwark Cathedral following the London Bridge attack.**

Southwark Cathedral will open its doors to the local community tomorrow, Friday, to take part in its Service of Hope.

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It will be a time to remember and honour the victims of the London Bridge attacks.

The Bishop of Woolwich, The Rt Revd Karowei Dorgu, will lead an Act of Commitment and Remembrance at the service and Canon Steve Chalke will be the preacher.

The cathedral held a service last Friday in which first responders, families and survivors affected by the attack were invited.

The Dean of Southwark, the Very Revd Andrew Nunn said: "We felt that it was very important... the Cathedral should also provide an opportunity for everyone in the local community to come

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together and remember the events of 3 June as well as looking forward in hope."

The service is open to all and the Cathedral will open its doors at 1pm. The service will start at 2 p.m.

## **Christ Church Cathedral launches summer exhibition of icons**

Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, will launch its summer exhibition of icons following a service of choral evensong at 6.00 pm tonight, Thursday June 22.

The iconographer is Adrienne Lord, BA, Fine Art Hons. Adrienne will be showing icons from the Greek Byzantine tradition along with some Russian inspired icons.

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The exhibition remains in place until the end of September and there will be demonstrations by the artist on the last Friday of each month between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

The exhibition will raise funds for charity and Adrienne has donated her icons for this purpose. A Triptych Deesis altarpiece, worth €1,000 will be raffled. Tickets will be on sale at the opening and from the entrance desk throughout the exhibition. Funds raised from the raffle will be presented to SPPD in Tamil Nadu, India, a non-profit, non-governmental organisation that works to improve the conditions of communities living in poverty in Tamil Nadu.

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The proceeds of sales made during the exhibition will go to a registered charity nominated by the purchaser. Sales of the icons on the opening night will be donated to one of four charities nominated by the artist.

Everyone is welcome to the launch which will be carried out by Canon Patrick Comerford.

## **Ulster History Circle to commemorate first Archbishop of New York**

The Ulster History Circle will commemorate John Joseph Hughes (1797-1864) First Archbishop of New York, Founder of St. Patrick's Cathedral, 5th Avenue, by the unveiling of a Blue Plaque on Saturday, 24th June 2017 at 10:45 AM at St. Macartan's RC Church, 3 Springtown Road, Augher. Co. Tyrone in Northern Ireland.

The plaque will be unveiled by Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland.

John Joseph Hughes was born on 24 th June 1797 to parents, Patrick Hughes and Margaret McKenna in the townland of Annaloghlan, near Augher, Co. Tyrone. He was the third of seven children. His father was a tenant farmer and due

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**A biography on John Joseph Hughes can be accessed on [www.newulsterbiography.co.uk](http://www.newulsterbiography.co.uk) and on Wikipedia.**

to circumstances was forced to withdraw the young John from school. He was sent to Favour Royal Manor where he was to study horticulture under the tuition of the head gardener. In 1816 John's family emigrated to Pennsylvania but it was a year later before the young gardener

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joined them. His early years in America were spent as a gardener and even whilst studying at Mount St. Mary's College in Maryland; he continued to look after the College garden. Ordained to the priesthood in Philadelphia in 1824, John Hughes was responsible for the building of St. Joseph's church in that City.

Consecrated as Bishop in 1838, he became the fourth Bishop of New York 1842 and the First Archbishop in 1850. During his fourteen years as Archbishop, he lectured to Congress; was thanked by Lincoln for his support of the Union in the Civil War, founded Fordham University and laid the foundation stone at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 5 th Avenue, New York.

His memory lives on both in Ireland and in New York. Archbishop John Joseph Hughes has a statue in St. Johns College, Fordham, a bust in New York and now a Blue Plaque in his native country.

As Chairman of the Ulster History Circle, Chris Spurr said, 'John Joseph Hughes has the distinction of being the First Archbishop of New York, the founder of St. Patrick's Cathedral on 5 th Avenue and also the founder of the college which became Fordham University. On the 220 th anniversary of his birth, the Ulster History Circle is delighted to commemorate Archbishop

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Hughes with a blue plaque at the very place in his native parish where he returned to preach in 1846. The Circle would like to thank both the Diocese of Clogher and Clogher Historical Society for their support towards the plaque’.

The Ulster History Circle is a voluntary, not for profit charity which puts up blue plaques in public places across the nine counties of Ulster, to celebrate people of achievement. A person is not considered for a blue plaque unless they have been dead for a minimum of twenty years, or would have reached their 100 th birthday. The Circle’s work on its Blue Plaque programme is carried out entirely by a small team of volunteer members, and the Circle relies on local authorities, organisations, societies, businesses and individuals to support its plaques as it has no funds of its own. There is no similar body doing such work through the whole of the island of Ireland.

## **Eucharist to celebrate ordinations in ‘67**

Half a century of ordained service within the Church of Ireland by a number of clergy will be celebrated at the 11am service in St Anne’s Cathedral, Belfast, on Sunday June 25.



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Of the 18 ordinations from the Divinity College Class of '67, six were ordained in St Anne's on June 25 1967 by the Rt Rev Cyril Elliott, the then Bishop of Connor. They include the former Dean of Belfast, the Very Rev Houston McKelvey, who unfortunately cannot be at the service as he is in Canada.

The Very Rev John Bond, retired Dean of Connor, was another one of those to be ordained in the Cathedral that day. In order to mark this 50-year milestone, Dean Bond contacted as many of those ordained that year as possible. "Some are in faraway places, others have commitments on the day, some are unable to be present and sadly some are no longer with us," Dean Bond said. However, along with Dean Bond the following clergy plan to be present and all will be taking part in the service – the Rev Canon Robin Lavery, the Rev Canon William Bell, the Rev Alan Parkhill, and the Rev Canon Brother David Jardine. Dean Bond will give the address.

**Christian Aid calls on UK  
Government not to let Brexit  
distract from commitment to Paris  
Agreement**

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Christian Aid has welcomed the Government's recommitment to the Paris climate accord in today's Queen's Speech.

Tom Viita, Christian Aid's Head of Advocacy, said: "The Queen's Speech has set the agenda for this Parliament to make big strides forward on climate change; all parties must now work together to turn the Paris Agreement into reality. In a hung Parliament, it's important that the Government takes advantage of areas that have robust cross-party support.

"The Paris Agreement provides a ready-made template for international cooperation outside the EU, and is a vital plank of the UK's place in the wider world. With all the turmoil of Brexit negotiations, the Government must not be distracted from this vital area of global cooperation with far reaching consequences to people around the world.

"To retain our credibility on the global stage we cannot fudge our stance on climate change: we are either on the side of Donald Trump or the rest of the world, which has scorned the Trump Administration's reckless decision to walk away from its international commitments.

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“The Queen’s Speech indicates this Government means business. In a few days’ time the Prime Minister needs to prove to the G20 leaders that she wants the UK to sit at the top table of climate leaders. Other heads of state – including those in the Commonwealth – will be watching closely for signs that the UK is serious about its ambitions on climate.

“The Government needs to get back on track with its carbon reduction plans after too many delays. The UK cannot hope to be a champion for international climate action unless it is delivering on its plans at home. An ambitious Clean Growth Plan to transform the economy must be a top priority for the new Government.”

## **World faith leaders discuss global deforestation at Nobel Peace Centre**

Norway has hosted a major gathering of the world’s spiritual and religious traditions to discuss how faith communities can work together to protect rainforests. The meeting, which took place in the presence of His Majesty King Harald V of Norway, discussed how to

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activate the collective moral influence of religious communities across the planet. Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Daoist and Jewish leaders joined with indigenous people.

In a statement preceding the gathering, the organisers said: "For the first time, leaders from many of the world's religions will meet to discuss the spiritual and ethical responsibility they share to protect rainforests, one of the planet's most vital life-support systems. Besieged by growing global demand for commodities, tropical rainforests are being cleared at a perilous rate, with an area the size of Austria chopped down each year."

The meeting was convened by Norway's International Climate and Forest Initiative (NICFI), Rainforest Foundation Norway (RFN) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in cooperation with the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale University, GreenFaith, Parliament of the World's Religions, Religions for Peace, REIL Network, and the World Council of Churches:

"The multi-faith summit marks the first significant engagement by the world's religions with an issue that climate scientists and development experts argue is a lynchpin for global efforts to

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address climate change, poverty, food insecurity and violations of human rights. It also heralds the first time that religious leaders from a broad spectrum of faiths will work hand-in-hand with indigenous peoples, the historical guardians of rainforests, on an action agenda to end deforestation.”

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